

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated June 2, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the application in view of the following.

Claims 1-18 and 30-36 are requested to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 19 is currently being amended for form and not substance.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 19-29 and 37-41 are now pending in this application.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Allowable Subject Matter

On Page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 19-29 and 37-41 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for favorable consideration of the allowed claims.

Claim Rejections

Claims 19-29 and 37-41 were rejected in the office action. Applicants have canceled claims 19-29 and 37-41 without prejudice to further prosecution on the merits. By canceling the claims rejected by the Examiner, Applicants intend to obtain timely issuance of a patent containing claims reciting subject matter the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Applicants wish to make it clear that he does not agree or acquiesce in the rejection of claims 19-29 and 37-41 and/or agree with the scope and the cited references.

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Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if doing so would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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